

Francis Peter Martens

1850-1950 Lehi Centennial Biography

Francis Peter Martens, son of Frederick George and Elizabeth Neary Martens, was born in Portsmouth, Iowa, September 9, 1890.

At the age of sixteen, he left home and went to the state of Washington.

While there, he was employed by the railroad and later became affiliated with the Pacific Fruit Express Company. During World War I, he was overseas, serving in the thick of the fighting. After being honorably discharged, he went back to Washington and followed his engineering line.

He came to Ogden, Utah in 1930, still with the Pacific Fruit Express Company. It was there he met and married Vera Taylor.

He was baptized into the Latter-day Church September 18, 1931, and was ordained an Elder May 22, 1932.

He moved to Lehi in 1933, where he and his wife came from Ogden to make their home.

Beginning in 1942, he was appointed an engineer in the power plant at Geneva, Utah, having previously worked for the Utah Power and Light Company in the same capacity.